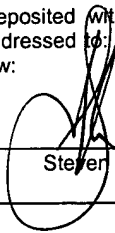


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This is in response to the office action mailed on October 15, 2004, to which a response is due on February 15, 2005, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of time and payment of fees. No other fees are believed due in connection with this filing; however, should applicants' check be missing, or should any other fees be required in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.50-1212/DEBE:007US/SLH.

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